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CAPACITY UTILIZATION OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing airport capacity in the country, region-wise;

(b) the airports in the country that are not being used to their full capacity:

(c) the details of plan formulated by the Government for the proper capacity utilisation of these airports;

(d) the details of the airports in the country which have reached a saturation point regarding capacity utilisation, State-wise;

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to upgrade these airports during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(f) the expenditure incurred thereon, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a):- The region-wise existing terminal capacity at top 46 airports during 2001-02 in the domestic and international sectors is 50.26 and 8.20 lakh passengers in the Eastern Region. Similarly, capacity of 136.25 and 92.02 lakh passengers in Western Region, 107.70 and 35.50 lakh passengers in Northern Region, 122.77 and 51.20 lakh passengers in Southern Region in the respective sectors and 10 lakh passengers in domestic sector in North East Region have been assessed.

(b):- The airports where the capacity is more than the demand and are not used to their full capacity are Kolkata, Patna, Port Blair, Ranchi, Bhubaneshwar, Ahmedabad, Goa [International Terminal], Jaipur, Agra, Delhi [Domestic Terminal], Jammu, Jodhpur, Khajuraho, Leh, Lucknow, Srinagar, Udaipur, Varanasi, Chennai [Domestic Terminal], Trivandrum [Domestic Terminal], Bangalore, Hyderabad, Cochin, Coimbatore, Calicut, Trichy, Visakhapatnam, Madurai,Mangalore, Agartala, Bagdogra, Imphal, Dibrugarh and Silchar.

(c):- Utilization of the terminal capacity depends upon flight operations by the Airlines who utilize the airport facilities. Additional capacity is built-in to meet future requirements for the next 5 to 10 years on creation of new facilities which are put to maximum use.

(d):- Based on 2001-02 traffic data on annual capacity and demand, the airports at Goa [Domestic Terminal] in Goa, Pune in Maharashtra, Indira Gandhi International Airport, in Delhi, Chennai [Anna International Terminal] in Tamil Nadu and Trivandrum [International Terminal] in the State of Kerala have reached the saturation point.

(e):- Modernization, upgradation and expansion of the various infrastructure facilities is a continuous process and is undertaken keeping in view factors such as traffic availability, viability of the project, type of aircraft, land availability, etc.

(f):- An amount of Rs.1687.24 crore was spent by Airports Authority of India during IX Five Year Plan for the modernisation and expansion of the airport facilities all over the country.